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Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona Quarterly Newsletter

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Year Awards go to... (see Page 2)

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## Bisbee's Grand Finale

When Bisbee Mayor Ron Oertle and city council members cut the red ribbon on morning of August 21st, it was the grand finale to years of hard work, perseverance and leadership in making the San Jose Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bisbee a reality.

WIFA staff joined Mayor Oertle and three former mayors, city council members past and present, city officials, city residents and other funding agencies in the grand opening of the treatment plant.

"This project is a great example of what can be accomplished when citizens, communities and government work together toward a common objective," said WIFA Interim Executive



**August 10, 2006** Bisbee Mayor Ron Oertle, former Bisbee Mayor Dan Beauchamp and former Bisbee Mayor Lyle Reddy signify the opening of Bisbee's San Jose Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Director Judy Navarrete.

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## 2007 Project Priority List Applications Available

As a part of our continuing effort to provide financial assistance for water and clean water infrastructure in Arizona, the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) recently kicked-off its 2007 financial assistance funding cycle.

Communities may apply for low-interest loans to finance clean water or drinking water infrastructure projects. WIFA also encourages communities with deficiencies or violations from regulatory agencies to apply for funds to achieve compliance.

### Eligible Projects for Clean Water Revolving Funds

Clean water loan funds may be used for projects that plan, construct, rehabilitate, modify, improve, upgrade or expand wastewater treatment and water reclamation facilities.

Special ground and surface water protection projects may also be funded.

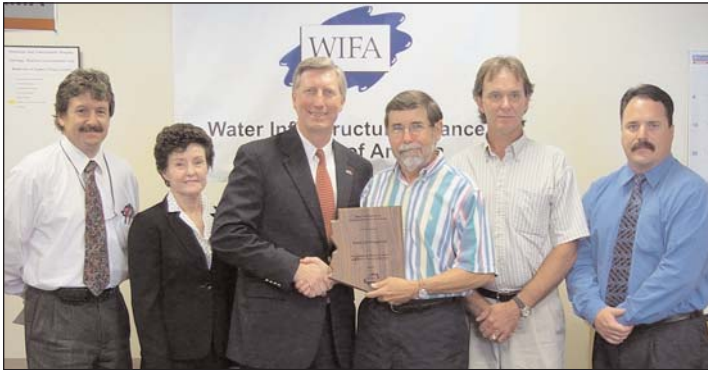
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"Arizona's water and  
wastewater funding

# Two Arizona Communities Awarded WIFA Project of the Year Awards

*The WIFA Project of the Year awards are given to outstanding WIFA-funded projects as demonstrated by their performance in resolving water quality issues, securing public support and cooperative funding efforts. The WIFA Project of the Year awards are selected annually by the WIFA Board of Directors. Featured below are two of this year's award winners.*

## WIFA Chairman Steve Owens Presents Project of the Year Award to Town of Patagonia



August 10, 2006 WIFA Chairman Steve Owens and WIFA Interim Executive Director Judy Navarrete present a Project of the Year Award to the Town of Patagonia Mayor Gary Gay. Pictured, from left to right, are Robert Welch with Stantec Consulting, Judy Navarrete, Chairman Steve Owens, Mayor Gary Gay, City Manager Randy Heiss and Richard Bigelow with Stantec Consulting.

On August 10th, WIFA Chairman Steve Owens presented the "Best Drinking Water Technical Assistance Project of the Year" award to the Town of Patagonia.

"The Town of Patagonia is recognized because of their effort in using WIFA grant funds to develop cost-effective solutions for their drinking water needs," said Chairman Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. "This effort will help Patagonia plan for its future. This is a great investment in Patagonia's future."

The Town utilized \$35,000 in WIFA grant funds to complete an analysis of its drinking water system, update a preliminary engineering report, and identify design alternatives and their potential costs. Most significantly, the grant was also used to develop a capital improvement plan for the Town's drinking water system.

"We are pleased to help communities like Patagonia that need to plan for upgrades to their water infrastructure," said Judy Navarrete, WIFA's Interim Executive Director. "WIFA's technical assistance grant funds help communities plan for much needed water infrastructure projects. We are proud to recognize communities that go above and beyond in the planning efforts." *CF*

## WIFA Chairman Steve Owens Presents Project of the Year Award to Green Valley Domestic Water Improvement District

Green Valley Domestic Water Improvement District (GVDWID) was presented with the "Best Public Drinking Water Financial Assistance Project of the Year" award on August 10th by WIFA Chairman Steve Owens.

"Green Valley DWID's drinking water system is on the right path to success," said Chairman Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. "We are committed to helping communities like Green Valley DWID that take steps to ensure their community has safe drinking water. This is a great project."

Green Valley DWID utilized a \$1,300,000 loan to design and construct an arsenic treatment facility. The new facility brings the DWID into compliance with the new federal arsenic standard of 50 parts per billion.

"Arsenic removal is a tremendous challenge facing many of Arizona's small communities and water systems like Green Valley DWID," said Judy Navarrete, WIFA's Interim Executive Director. "WIFA commends the DWID for acting quickly to meet the new federal arsenic standard."

The federal arsenic rule went into effect on January 23, 2006. GVDWID was one of the first communities to approach WIFA regarding financing their arsenic removal project. *CF*



August 10, 2006 WIFA Chairman Steve Owens and WIFA Interim Executive Director Judy Navarrete present a Project of the Year Award to (from left to right) Eileen McLaren, President Larry Hoffman, Tony Canton, John Wilson (partially blocked), Judy Navarrete, Les Gunderson, Chairman Owens, Lorraine Botelho, Mike Fox, Dick Newman and Phil Lotz.

# WIFA Update: Interim Executive Director, New Staff, and SECC Award

## Judy Navarrete Appointed Interim Executive Director

Originally joining WIFA as the Chief Financial Officer, Judy Navarrete recently became WIFA's Interim Executive Director. Judy has served the state for over eleven years through the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). During her tenure at the ADEQ she managed a number of programs including recycling and brownfields, community outreach, grants and budget for the Waste Programs Division and served three years as the Administrator of the State Assurance Fund for the Tanks Program Division. Judy is currently a member of the Government Finance Officers Association and the Counsel of Infrastructure Financing Authorities. Judy holds a Certification in Public Management from Arizona State University and a Bachelor of General Studies focused in business administration from Northern Arizona University.



## WIFA Employees "Give a hand, touch a heart"

WIFA employees are very generous as evidenced by WIFA's recent award from the Arizona State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC). The SECC presented WIFA with an award for "Outstanding Increase in Participation" for our participation in the charitable contribution program during 2005.



*Yolanda Mendoza, Assistant to the Executive Director, organized last year's SECC campaign at WIFA. Thanks for involving WIFA staff in this valuable community project!*

WIFA employees contributed to local, state, national and international charities through payroll deductions or one time cash gifts. WIFA participates in the SECC campaign each year and increased its participation dramatically in 2005.

SECC is an annual, combined charitable contributions campaign. The first State Employees Charitable Campaign implemented under an Executive Order was in 1992. State of Arizona employees contributed more than \$1.78 million to the SECC campaign in 2005. *CF*

## Meet the Newest Members of the WIFA Team

### Don States

Don States recently became WIFA's Controller. Previously, Don was the Accounting Manager for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Don has worked in state government for nineteen years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from Ottawa University, an Associates in Accounting from Phoenix College, and Don is professionally certified as a government finance manager.



### Lily Vega

Lily Vega has worked in both the public and private sectors. She recently joined WIFA as the Administrative Assistant. Previously, she took care of her 5 month old son full-time. Lily also has a 7-year old daughter. She was born and raised in Arizona.



### Brian Davis

Brian Davis joined WIFA as a Loan Officer and entered into his sixteenth year of government service. Brian's expertise is in business, finance and accounting. Brian was previously a budget supervisor for the Department of Corrections and prior to that he worked for WIFA when the agency was known as the Wastewater Management Authority during the mid-1990's. Brian earned an Associates degree in General Studies from Scottsdale Community College.



## ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally.



## The Quarter Ahead

### September 22, 2006

Finance Workshop 1-3pm, WIFA Offices\* Room 290

### October 5, 2006

Deadline to submit Project Priority List (PPL) Application

### November 7, 2006

Circulate Draft IUP / Public Comment Period Begins

### November 17, 2006

Public Meeting 1-3 pm, WIFA Offices\* Room 290 /Public Comment Period Ends

### December 7, 2006

WIFA Committee Meetings, WIFA Offices\* Room 290

### December 21, 2006

WIFA Board Meeting - Approve Final CWSRF and DWSRF Intended Use Plans, WIFA Offices, Room 130

### December 31, 2006

2006 Financial Assistance Funding Cycle Ends

### January 1, 2006

2007 Financial Assistance Funding Cycle Ends

*\*WIFA Offices are located at 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix 85007.*

## Quarterly Loans Closed

### DWRF Loans:

Abra Water Company \$250,000  
City of Williams \$1,600,000  
Clear Springs \$40,640  
Tacna Water Management \$195,201

### CWRF Loans:

Camp Verde Sanitary District \$4,500,000  
City of Williams \$6,050,000

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### Eligible Projects for Drinking Water Revolving Funds

Drinking water loan funds may be used for projects that plan, construct, rehabilitate, modify, improve, upgrade or expand drinking water facilities.

Funds may also be used for source water protection and land acquisition projects.

### Application Process

The first step to obtaining funding from WIFA is to submit a Project Priority List (PPL) application for clean water or drinking water projects. Applicants are placed on WIFA's PPL, which is a part of the clean and drinking water intended use plans (IUP).

Projects are prioritized by the

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The commitment and participation of agencies including the Border Environmental Cooperation, NAD Bank and WIFA made this much-needed project a reality. These partnerships are critical to financing infrastructure challenges across Arizona.

WIFA provided the City of Bisbee five technical assistance grants totaling \$95,200. The grants funded a variety of planning, pre-design and design projects for Bisbee's sewer improvement program including public education and debt authorization planning, feasibility studies, and cultural and historical surveys.

WIFA also provided a low-interest \$11.2 million loan in conjunction with funding from the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission (BECC); North American Development Bank (NADBank); and USDA Rural Development loan and grant

following: public health factors, condition of facilities, local fiscal capacity, prior year funding, and project benefits including water quality improvement, conservation index, and consolidation or regionalization. The PPL process is a federal requirement that prioritizes projects and determines the subsidy rate.

After the PPL is developed and the applicant has obtained the proper bids, permits, plans and specifications, and debt authority for the project, they are "ready to proceed". WIFA will then send out a Project Finance Application (PFA) and upon completion, will complete the due diligence process and begin the loan closing process.

For more information about WIFA's PPL process or to obtain a PPL, visit [www.azwifa.gov](http://www.azwifa.gov) or contact Jon Bernreuter at (602) 364-1326. *CF*

contributions. The total cost of the new wastewater system project was \$30 million.

Bisbee was required to rehabilitate its wastewater collection system in order to comply with regulatory requirements.

Excessive inflow and infiltration occurring in the two oldest areas, Old Bisbee and Warren.

Additionally, Bisbee had to correct various problems in the three wastewater treatment plants that serve the City.

To address the city's challenges, Bisbee built a new 1.2

million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant constructed at the San Jose site.

The project also involved constructing a new pump station, a force main to convey sewage from the Mule Gulch wastewater treatment facility, the retirement of the Warren wastewater treatment facility lagoon; and replacement of 120,000 feet of the existing collection lines. *CF*



**November 12, 2004** WIFA Chairman Steve Owens speaks at the San Jose Wastewater Treatment Plant Ground Breaking Ceremony.